

21. (Amended) [The diagnostic agent for pancreatic exocrine function according to any one of claims 16 to 18] The method according to claim 16, wherein the  $^{13}\text{C}$ - or  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled oligosaccharide or polysaccharide is a cyclic oligosaccharide or polysaccharide.

22. (Amended) [A diagnostic agent for] A method for diagnosing pancreatic exocrine function, comprising administering to a subject a  $^{13}\text{C}$ - or  $^{14}\text{C}$ -labeled inclusion complex or a salt thereof having a cyclodextrin or a modified derivative thereof as a host molecule.

23. (Amended) [The diagnostic agent for pancreatic exocrine function according to any one of claims 16 to 22] The method according to claim 16, wherein the pancreatic exocrine function to be diagnosed is the ability of the pancreas to secrete  $\alpha$ -amylase.

24. (Amended) [The diagnostic agent for pancreatic exocrine function according to any one of claims 16 to 22] The method according to claim 16, wherein the pancreatic exocrine function to be diagnosed is the ability of the pancreas to secrete  $\alpha$ -amylase and at least one pancreatic exocrine enzyme other than  $\alpha$ -amylase.

#### REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 25-42 have been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1-24 are presented. No new matter has been added.

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Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. Filed herewith is a check in payment of the excess claims fees required by the above amendments. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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